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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated September 15, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application. This reply is the required submittal for a Request for Continued Examination filed this same day.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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